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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY EGYPTIAN REACTION TO BEGIN PEACE PLAN

1. EGYPTIAN PRESS HAS REPORTED ISRAELI PEACE PLAN AS PRESENTED BY PRIMIN BEGIN IN RADIO INTERVIEW. WHEN MEETING WITH FAHMY YESTERDAY, HE HAD COPY PREPARED TO SEND TO SADAT. PREDICTABLY, FAHMY'S REACTION WAS NEGATIVE. HE COMMENTED THAT IF THIS IS INDEED ISRAELI POSITION, HOPES FOR PEACE HAVE BEEN DASHED. IT REMINDED HIM OF OUR DEMARCHE IN FEBRUARY, 1976, SUGGESTING PEACE BE NEGOTIATED ON BASIS OF ISRAELI DEMAND FOR TERMINATION OF STATE OF BELLIGERENCY IN RETURN OFR UNSPECIFIED TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS. AS WE KNEW, THIS HAD BEEN A NON-STARTER THEN AND CONTINUES BE SO NOW. ALL ARABS ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT BEGIN PROPOSALS, AT LEAST AS ARTICULATED IN INTERVIEW, ARE NON-ACCEPTABLE.

2. AT BRAZILIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION LAST NIGHT, MUCH OF TALK WAS ABOUT BEGIN PROPOSAL. SOVIET AMBASSADOR

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AND EASTERN BLOC AMBASSADORS WERE CITING IT AS EVIDENCE CONTINUED ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE. THERE WERE FEW OTHER DIPLOMATES OR EGYPTIANS WHO CHALLENGED THIS ESTIMATE. I REMINDED INTERLOCUTORS THAT BEGIN HAD ONLY PROVIDED SOME GENERAL CONCEPTS, AND THAT ISRAELIS HAD ANNOUNCED THAT DAYAN WILL BE BRINGING MORE DETAILED DOCUMENT OFR DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.

3. BEGIN ANNOUNCEMENT, WHILE NOT UNEXPECTED, HAS HIT

EGYPTIANS LIKE A WET DISH RAG.

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